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**APPLICANT:** Ulrich Birnbaum et al.

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**FOR:** CONNECTING ELEMENT FOR AN  
ASSEMBLY SYSTEM

**EXAMINER:** Victor L. MacArthur      **Group:** 3679

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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, dated January 2, 2008 and setting forth a one-month period for response, please amend the above-entitled application as follows: